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Sir:

Enclosed is a form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,004,651 is a family member of EPO855478A2 and is believed to contain the same basic disclosure.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

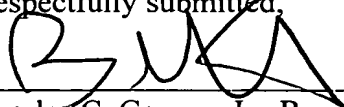
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Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

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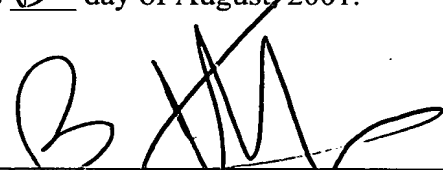
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